

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 1A and 1B. This sheet replaces the original sheet containing Figures 1A and 1B.

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REMARKS

A. Request for Reconsideration

Applicant has carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remains of the position that patentable subject matter is present. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the amendments to the drawings, the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

B. Objections to the Drawings and Drawing Amendments

Figures 1A and 1B had been objected to for omitting the heading "Prior Art".

Applicant has amended Figures 1A and 1B to include the "Prior Art" heading. It is submitted that the objection to the drawings is overcome.

C. Claim Rejections and Claim Amendments

The Examiner had indicated that the subject matter of claims 2-9 is allowable. Claims 1, 10 and 11 had been provisionally rejected for statutory double patenting as claiming the same invention as claims 1 and 5 of US 10/658,066.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Since the subject matter of claim 2 has not been rejected, it is submitted that the amended claims are in condition for allowance.

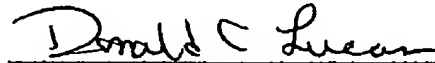
D. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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